



Temporary Barracks project applauded



(At left) Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, Chief of Engineers, is briefed on the status of the temporary barracks project.

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The Alaska District turned over the first half of a temporary barracks project to the Fort Richardson Directorate of Public Works. The barracks will provide housing for single enlisted personnel who are part of a new Airborne Brigade Combat Team to be stationed at Fort Richardson.

As part of a \$48.3 million project to provide temporary facilities for the new brigade, the barracks turned over to the DPW Sept. 9 include living spaces for 228 Soldiers, parking areas, and associated infrastructure. The DPW is installing the furniture, locks, fire alarms, and communications systems so the units will be ready for the Soldiers when arrive this month.

"The project team, including the Corps of Engineers Resident Office, DPW and the contractor all worked together to meet this very aggressive schedule," said Bob Chivvis, project manager.

Alan Lucht, director of the DPW at Fort Richardson agreed. "This is by far the best team success I've experienced in my 22 years with various DPWs," he said in an e-mail message to project team members.

(Lon Lyford, project engineer, briefs Lt. Gen. Carl Strock on the status of the project inside one of the temporary buildings.

When completed, the project will include billeting for 456 Soldiers in 76 temporary barracks buildings, along with temporary company and battalion operations buildings, medical facilities and warm storage buildings.

The remaining barracks buildings were scheduled to be turned over to the Army the end of September, followed by the brigade and company headquarters buildings, the medical facilities and the warm storage buildings this month.

